(a) whether the tripartite meeting on the demand of separate State of Gorkhaland has been held;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any tripartite meeting is to be held in near future;

(d) if so, what is Government's approach towards the demand of a separate State; and

(e) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c): The third round of tripartite talks between the representatives of the Government of India, Government of West Bengal and Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) was held on August 11, 2009.

In the meeting, the following decisions were taken:—

(i) The proposal for establishment of a Hill Council under the Sixth Schedule of Indian Constitution would be dropped.

(ii) It was agreed, in principle, to the repeal of the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council Act, 1988. The repeal of the Act would be processed by the Government of West Bengal as soon as an alternative administrative setup/framework is finalized through mutual consultations and agreement between the State Government and GJM.

(iii) The Government would appoint an Interlocutor to carry forward the discussions held during the third round of tripartite talks.

(iv) The Central Government would send a team to Darjeeling to review the development works in the District.

(v) As an interim measure and to restore the democratic process, the elections to the Panchayat Samities, Gram Panchayats as well as Municipalities be allowed to be held.

(vi) It was agreed that the next tripartite meeting would be held on December 21, 2009 at Darjeeling.

A Central team visited the region from September, 29 to October 2, 2009 to review the development in the Darjeeling Hill Area. The Government has appointed an interlocutor for the purpose of handling talks with all the stakeholders in this regard.

(d) and (e) The tripartite talks between all the stake holders are an on going process of deliberations for arriving at a consensus for resolving the issues relating to the demand of Gorkhaland raised by the GJM and some others.

Amount released to Maharashtra under coastal security scheme

3003. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of amount released to the State of Maharashtra under Coastal Security Scheme for

building new Police Stations, Barracks, Check Posts, Card Reader Computer and other equipments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): Under the ongoing Coastal Security Scheme, the State of Maharashtra has been released total of Rs. 692.60 lakh, of which, Rs. 438.40 lakh pertains to construction of 12 coastal police stations, 32 check posts, 24 OP Barracks, and Rs. 254.20 lakh pertains to vehicles and lump-sump assistance for the 12 coastal police stations.

For further strengthening the coastal security, a joint exercise of vulnerability/gap analysis has been carried out by Coast Guard and coastal States/UTs to firm up the additional requirements, in respect of coastal police stations, vehicles, boats etc., for formulation of a comprehensive proposal for Phase-II of Coastal Security Scheme, which is presently underway.

Eating houses in Delhi turning into discotheques without licence

3004. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 940 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th February, 2009 and state:

(a) whether licence is issued to discotheque under Controlling Places of Amusements (other than cinema) and Performance for the Public Amusement, 1980 only on obtaining 'No Objection Certificate' from the District DCP and NOC from Traffic Police;

(b) if so, whether some Eating houses in Delhi particularly those located in the vicinity of Akbar Bhawan and Haryana Sadan in Chanakayapuri are turned about discotheques in the night without having proper licence, with the nexus of some officers of licensing department of Delhi Police; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir. 'No Objection Certificate' from local and Traffic Police is not mandatory to obtain license under the provisions of "The Regulations for Licensing and Controlling places of Public Amusement (other than cinema) and performances for public Amusement 1980" for running a discotheque.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Opening of mountain peaks in Leh and Ladakh for tourists

3005. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from the Ministry of Defence for obtaining clearance for opening of 104 mountain peaks in Leh and Ladakh and Spiti regions for domestic and foreign climbers;

(b) if so, location-wise details thereof; and